



Parade Entry Application

Independence Day Celebration
Elmer Thomas Park
Saturday, July 1, 2023



The City of Lawton is hosting the Eighth annual Lawton-Fort Sill Freedom Festival in Elmer Thomas Park. The festival is a family-oriented event full of fun, games, activities, vendors, and entertainment. The grand finale at approximately 9:30 p.m. is one of the largest fireworks displays in SW Oklahoma. The celebration will be held rain or shine. For our second year of Parade in the Park, the theme is "Independence Day."

Timeline

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| June 07 | Deadline for entries. A minimum of 20 entries must be received by this date, for parade to occur. |
| June 28 | Mandatory Briefing Meeting |
| July 1 | Check-in at 5:00AM Line-up begins at 6:00 PM Parade begins at 7:30PM |

Participant Fees/Requirements/Prizes

- **Entry Fees:** Businesses - \$20, Nonprofits - \$10, Schools – Free, Political Candidates - \$100. Payment must be included with application and be made payable to "LETA."
- **Prizes:** Participants may elect to be judged by their use of the theme, presentation and originality to be eligible to win prizes. First place (\$500), second place (\$250) and third place (\$100) prizes money will be donated on behalf of the winning business or organization to a non-profit or public school of choice, or a donation may be made directly to the winning non-profit or school.
- **Float Dimensions:** Maximum float/vehicle height is 13 feet 6 inches. Width limit is 11 feet. Length limit is 70 feet to include truck or tractor. Weight limit is 14,000 pounds per axle on wheeled vehicles.
- This is a mobile event and proper distance between vehicles and pacing is expected. Unless specifically pre-arranged or requested by a parade official, do not stop to perform during the parade.
- Candy may be handed out to spectators by float's attendants who walk the parade route with floats. For the safety of both parade participants and parade spectators, throwing candy or prizes from vehicles is forbidden. Additionally, distribution of literature is prohibited.
- In keeping with the spirit of Independence Day, entries should be relevant to the theme "Let Freedom Ring."
- All entries must be approved by the Freedom Festival Committee to be included in the official parade lineup.
- Live Animals: Horses must be accompanied by a NEGATIVE Coggins Test form and Dogs must be accompanied by vaccination papers.
- The Freedom Festival Committee reserves the right to refuse admittance into the parade of any entries deemed inappropriate. These decisions will be final.

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Please Print

CATEGORY: ☐ Float ☐ Marching Unit ☐ Decorated Bicycles ☐ Vehicle Mounted Band ☐ Riding Club
☐ Other (Please specify:)

FLOAT/VEHICLE DIMENSIONS NEEDED: (Specify the width, length in feet, number of vehicles, etc.)

WILL YOUR ENTRY INCLUDE LIVE ANIMALS? ☐ No ☐ Yes (f yes, please describe).

DO YOU WANT YOUR ENTRY TO BE JUDGED? ☐ Yes ☐ No

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Organization (as it should appear in promotions):

Contact Person Name:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

Daytime Telephone: Cell:

E-mail:

PARADE ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION:

Parade Entry Name or Title:

City/Town Represented:

Principal Officers:

Recent Honors, Awards, Activities or Information That May Be of Interest to Announce:

By signing below, the parade participant agrees to all terms and conditions as stated in the application.

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ payable to LETA (Lawton Enhancement Trust Authority).

Signature: Date:

Please print and include all requested information on your application with the payment for the appropriate entry fee prior to June 17 (or late deadline of June 23). Make all checks payable to "LETA."

Mail signed application and payment to: Arts & Humanities Division, PO Box 522, Lawton, OK 73502-0522

Deliver signed application and payment to: Arts & Humanities Office, (west entrance) McMahon Auditorium, 801 NW Ferris Ave., Lawton, OK 73507, 8 a.m. – 5pm (Monday – Friday)

For more information, call the Arts & Humanities Office at 580-281-3470 or email arts@lawtonok.gov